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NEW DELHI --PLEASE PASS SENATOR EAGLETON

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SUBJECT: CODEL EAGLETON- FINAL REPORT

REF:STATE 190837 AND PREVIOUS ( NOTAL

1. SUMMARY: SENATOR THOMAS F. EAGLETON AND HIS LEGIS-  
LATIVE ASSISTANT BRIAN ATWOOD VISITED ISRAEL AUGUST 15-  
18. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO REVEIW ISRAEL'S DEFENSE,  
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES IN DEPTH. SENATOR AND  
MR. ATWOD MET WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN, FORN MIN  
ALLO, DEF MIN PERES, OPPOSITION LEADER BEGIN, FORMER  
FORN MIN EBAN, MAYOR KOLLEK, FORMER FIN MIN DG AGMON,  
AS WELL AS SOME YOUNGER MEMBERS OF LIKUD AND REPRES-  
ATATIVES FROM EXTREMIST GUSH EMUNIM. SENATOR DID NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY  
TO REVIEW THIS MESSAGE AND IT IS SUBJECT TO HIS  
REVISION. END SUMMARY.

2. FORN MIN ALLON ASKED SENATOR HOW HE VIEWED PROPOSAL  
TO SEND U.S. TECHNICIANS TO SINAI AS PART OF INTERIM AGREE-  
MENT. SENATOR RESPONDED THAT WHILE PROPOSAL WOULD BE CARE-  
FULLY SCRUTININZED BY CONGRESS HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROVED  
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FARILY QUICKLY. FORNMIN EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WIH SENATOR'S  
REPLY,AND NOTED THAT ISRAEL'S PRIMARY REASON FOR CONTINUING  
TO PROCEED ALONG STEP-BY-STEP ROUTE WAS CONSIDERATION OF  
ITS RELATIONS WITH U.S.ON QUSTION OF WHAT FUTURE

WOULD HOLD, ASSUMING INTERIM AGREEMENT WERE FORTHCOMING, ALLON MAINTAINED THAT RECENT SYRIA/JORDAN DEVELOPMENTS WERE MOTIVATED TO LARGE DEGREE BY SYRIAN DESIRE TO HAVE A LARGER FRONT WITH ISRAEL AND COULD BE USEFUL DEVICE FOR SYRAINS AGAINST EGYPTAINS. FORN MIN QUERIED SENATOR ON CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES TOWARD U.S. ASSISTNACE TO ISRAEL. SENATOR REPLIED THAT HIS OPINION WAS THAT CONGRESS WOULD APPROVE WHATEVER ADMINISTRATION REQUESTED, AND THERE WAS DISTINCT POSSIBILITY CONGRESS WOULD INCREASE IT.

3. DEFMIN PERES SAID THAT HE FAVORED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSED VISIT DESPITE SOME OUTSTANDING ISSUES REMAINING. INTERIM AGREEMENT WAS BY NATURE POLITICAL AGREEMENT. AFTERWARDS, JORDANIAN AND SYRIAN FRONTS WOULD STILL BE VERY MUCH ALIVE AND SYRIA WOULD ALSO WANT SOMETHING. HOWEVER, ONLY COSMETIC CHANGES WERE POSSIBLE ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, BUT PERHAPS SYRIA WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH SUCH. IN RESPONSE TO SENATOR'S QUERY IF TIME WERE ON ISRAEL'S SIDE, PERES SAID THAT TIME WAS ON NEITHE SIDE BUT WAS ON SIDE OF PEACE. STEP-BY-STEP WAS TEST OF ARABS' READINESS FOR PEACE, BUT PROBLEM WAS THAT ONE HAD TO GIVE UP ONE'S BEST CARDS IN PROCESS. UNFORTUNATELY, ISRAEL AND U.S. TIME FRAMES WERE NOT THE SAME, THAT IS, U.S. WAS UNDERSTANDABLY CONCERNED WITH NEXT MONTH'S GA MEETING, EXPIRATION OF UNEF, FORTHCOMING OPEC MEETING, AND THIS PARTICULAR TIME IN DETENTE WAS IMPORTANT. SENATOR EAGLETON NOTED PERES' STATESMANLIKE PERSPECTIVE BUT POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS A NEW INGREDIENT, THAT IS, OIL. PERES SAID OIL EMBARGO HAD LITTEL TO DO WITH ISRAEL BECAUSE THE ARABS AND IRAN WOULD HAVE INCREASED PRICES ANYWAY. HE PREDICTED THAT THERE WOULD BE AN INTERIM AGREEMENT, THAT OPEC WOULD INCREASE PRICES AND THE ECONOMIES OF WEST WOULD CONSEQUENTLY FURTHER DECLINE, WITH ISRAEL AS THE SCAPEGOAT. HOWEVER, ISRAEL WAS NOT DESPERATE BECAUSE THERE WAS A GROWING REALIZATION THAT WAR WAS TOO EXPENSIVE AND PEACE WAS THE ONLY SOLUTION.

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4. FORMER FORN MIN EBAN BEGAN BY SAYING THAT WHILE HE WAS QUOTE NOT WILD UNQUOTE ABOUT AN INTERIM AGREEMENT IT WAS BETTER THAN ANY ALTERNATIVE. HOWEVER, IT WAS A SHAME THAT SO MUCH ENERGY HAD BEEN DEVOTED TO SO LITTLE. HE WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN JORDAN WHICH WERE POTENTIALLY MORE IMPORTANT. EBAN SAID THAT THREE YEAR AGREEMENT WAS ILLUSORY BECAUSE IMMEDIATELY AFTER LAST INTERIM AGREEMENT THERE WERE ARAB DEMANDS FOR MORE ISRAELI CONCESSIONS. BESIDES, EBAN NOTED, EGYPT WAS NOT REAL PROBLEM; PALESTINIANS WERE. HE BELIEVED GOVERNMENT SHOULD CALL ELECTIONS BECAUSE HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT IT WOULD RECEIVE A MANDATE FROM VOTERS TO PURSUE PEACE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. NO FURTHER INTERIM AGREEMENTS WERE POSSIBLE AND

QUESTION WOULD BECOME HOW TO PROCEED IN GENEVA. IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT MOTIVATION FOR PRESENT INTERIM AGREEMENT WAS DOMESTIC POLITICS ON BOTH SIDES.

5. AVRAHAM AGMON, FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MIN OF FIN AND CURRENTLY SPECIAL ADVISER ON BOYCOTT MATTERS, DISCUSSED ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC SITUATION GENERALLY AND NEED FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE. HE POINTED OUT THAT ARAB BOYCOTT HAD BECOME MORE SERIOUS SINCE OCTOBER WAR. U.S. EXPORT CONTROL ACT NEEDED STRENGTHENING TO MAKE IT CRIMINAL FOR A COMPANY TO COOPERATE WITH ARAB BOYCOTT. THIS WOULD RESULT IN ELIMINATING ADVANTAGES OF COMPANIES THAT ADHERE TO THE BOYCOTT. HE POINTED OUT THAT A U.S. COMPANY WHICH RECENTLY WANTED TO ENTER A JOINT VENTURE RELATIONSHIP WITH A BRAZILIAN FIRM WAS TOLD BY THE BRAZILIAN COMPANY THAT IT WAS NOT INTERESTED BECAUSE THE AMERICAN COMPANY WAS ON BOYCOTT BLACK LIST. THIS WAS IN EFFECT A TERTIARY BOYCOTT. AGMON PROMISED TO PROVIDE THE SENATOR WITH SPECIFIC DETAILS ON U.S. COMPANIES THAT COOPERATED WITH ARAB BOYCOTT.

6. SENATOR MET WITH MENACHEM BEGIN, LEADER OF LIKUD OPPOSITION, WHO BEGAN WITH DISCUSSION OF FORTHCOMING PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON INTERIM AGREEMENT. BEGIN MAINTAINED STANDARD LIKUD POSITION THAT STEP-BY-STEP WAS SALAMI TACTICS AND SHOULD BE CALLED SUR-RENDER-BY-STAGES. HE CITED RECENT PRONOUNCEMENTS OF PRE-CONFIDENTIAL

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SIDENT SADAT THAT ISRAEL WAS A DAGGER AT THROAT OF ARABS. INTERIM AGREEMENT WOULD CERTAINLY NOT LEAD TO PEACE, ACCORDING TO BEGIN, NOT EVEN THREE YEARS OF PEACE. BEGIN RECALLED THAT PRIME MINISTER RABIN HAD PUBLICLY STATED THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT GIVE UP ABU RODEIS; NOW IT WAS WILLING TO, THEREBY, HEIGHTENING ISRAEL'S DEPENDENCE ON U.S.

7. SENATOR EAGLETON MET WITH JERUSALEM MAYOR KOLLKE, WHO REITERATED HIS WELLKNOWN VIEWS ON WHY JERUSALEM MUST REMAIN UNITED. SENATOR ALSO HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH MK AHUD ULMERT OF LIKUD AND A FEW OF HIS ASSOCIATES WHO EXPLAINED THEIR OPPOSITION TO STEP-BY-STEP AND WHY THEY BELIEVED LIKUD TO BE WAVE OF FUTURE. AT THEIR SUGGESTION, SENATOR MET WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF GUSH EMUNIM, AN EXTREMIST RELIGIOUS GROUP, WHO PRESENTED THEIR VIEW THAT GOI DID NOT REPRESENT PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND PREDICTED MASSIVE PROTESTS DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER. EMBASSY ESCORT OFFICER ACCOMPANIED SENATOR ON ALL CALLS EXCEPT WITH PRIME MINISTER

8. SENATOR DID NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW FORTHCOMING ADDRESSES SHOULD THEREFORE BEAR IN MIND THAT IT IS SUBJECT TO REVISION AFTER SENATOR'S REVIEW.

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